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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH SPANISH PRIME MINISTER

1. SUMMARY: PARIS MATCH PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ INTERMINGLED WITH EXTREMELY FLATTERING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

2. AUGUST 28 EDITION OF PARIS MATCH PUBLISHED INTERVIEW OF AUGUST 14 BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ AND PHILIPPE GANIER-RAYMOND. COMMENTARY INTERSPERSED THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW IS EXTREMELY LAUDATORY OF SUAREZ. ACCOMPANYING PHOTOGRAPHS PORTRAY HIM IN FLATTERING TERMS. HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE FOLLOW. COPIES POUCHED TO MADRID AND EUR/IBE.

-- ARTICLE IS HEADLINED, "FRANCO TOLD ME BEFORE HE DIED THAT YOU MUST ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY."

-- SUAREZ IS QUOTED AS PRAISING SOCIALIST LEADER FELIPE GONZALEZ AS A MAN OF SURPRISING INTELLIGENCE WITH WHOM SUAREZ IS IN AGREEMENT ON ALMOST ALL PROBLEMS. SUAREZ CALLS GONZALEZ AN AUTHENTIC PATRIOT.

-- SUAREZ IS QUOTED AS DESCRIBING THE BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR SPAIN AS BRINGING TOGETHER AN ACTIVE

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LEM FOR SPAIN AS BRINGING TOGETHER AN ACTIVE

AND INTELLIGENT OPPOSITION WITH NO EXPERIENCE  
IN POWER WITH A GOVERNING GROUP THAT HAS NO  
IDEA OF POLITICAL PARTY LIFE.

-- ON THE COMMUNIST PARTY, SUAREZ IS QUOTED AS  
SAYING THEY'RE OLD MEN WHO HAVE YET TO PROVE  
THAT THEY ARE A DEMOCRATIC PARTY. SUAREZ  
STATES THAT SPAIN WILL NOT LEGALIZE THE COMMU-  
NIST PARTY BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS IT  
WOULD POSE.

-- REFERRING TO BASQUE NATIONALISM, SUAREZ IS  
QUOTED THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SMASH BASQUE  
TERRORISM OR ELSE LET IT SMASH ITSELF.

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